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# THE SWORD OF ROBERT LEE.

From its scabbard, pure and bright,  
Flash'd the sword of Lee!  
Far in the front of the deadly fight,  
High o'er the brave in the cause of  
right,  
Its stainless gleam, like a beacon light,  
Led us to victory.  
Out of its scabbard, where, fall long,  
It slumber'd peacefully,  
Roused from its rest by the battle's shout,  
Shielding the feeble, smiting the  
strong,  
Guarding the right, avenging the wrong,  
Gleamed the sword of Lee.  
From its scabbard, high in air  
Beneath Virginia's sky—  
And they who saw it gleaming there,  
And knew who bore it, loath to swear  
That where that sword led they would  
dare  
To follow—and to die.  
Out of its scabbard! Never hand  
Waved sword from stain as free,  
Nor purer sword led braver hand,  
Nor braver led for a braver land,  
Nor brighter hand had a cause so grand,  
Nor cause a chieftain like Lee!  
From its scabbard! How we pray'd  
That sword might victor be;  
And when our triumph was delayed,  
And many a heart grew sore afraid,  
We still hoped on while gleamed the  
blade  
Of noble Robert Lee.  
From its scabbard all in vain  
Bright flash'd the sword of Lee;  
'Tis shrouded now in its sheath again,  
It sleeps the sleep of our noble slain,  
Defeated, yet without a stain,  
Proudly and peacefully.  
—Father Ryan.

Militarism, high taxes, and oppression is the theory of Republicanism—more ships, more money, more soldiers, more officers. The new army bill adds 5,500 soldiers to the artillery service and 100 new cadets to the corps at the military academy, all of whom are to be appointed by the President.

All the cotton mills of the country must sooner or later come to the cotton fields, and when they do come we can be sure of getting a more steady market for our raw material, because the mills will be desirous of saving freights and will buy at their own doors. Hence a market will be established here equal to that which prevails in localities at a distance from the fields.

Admiral Dewey is badly mistaken if he thinks that the generous welcome which he received in the West and South indicates a desire on the part of the people that he be nominated at Kansas City for the Presidency. Some thoughtless people insist on worshipping him as a great naval hero, but there are few who do not know that he is too small a man intellectually to nominate for such an office as the Presidency.

The erection of the electric power plant on Catawba River will offer an excellent opportunity for the establishment of cotton mills and other manufacturing industries in Fort Mill. Capital seeking investment can find a number of choice building sites in our town which would be sold at reasonable prices; the health of our community is as good as that of any part of the State, and the freight rates of the Southern Railway to and from this point are low.

In a speech nominating William J. Bryan for the Presidency before the Populist national convention held in Sioux Falls, S. D., last Thursday, Senator Allen, of Nebraska, said:

"He embodies in his political convictions, in his life, all that is good in an American citizen, all that is pure and loyal, all that the most exacting could desire; a statesman of ripe experience, a philosopher, a patriot without a peer on this or any other continent. Peerless, bold, determined, thoroughly united to the interests of the real mass of his countrymen, he would make and will make an ideal candidate for the exalted office of President of these United States. Since the result of the election in 1896 was known to the American people, among the fusion forces of the United States there has been but one name connected with the office and with the nomination at this time. He is the embodiment of all that opposes plutocracy, that opposes greed, that opposes the excesses of criminal power in public life. He is in my judgment the most perfect American citizen of the age. I think he is an orator, the equal of Webster and Clay if not their superior. He was a

Nebraskan, but belongs now to the world. Without further discussion, without further description of this magnificent man, I present to this convention, this hero, statesman, and orator, William Jennings Bryan."

As we pass along through life we must learn to adapt ourselves to the changes which are always occurring in the world. The world will not adapt itself to us, no matter how important we may feel ourselves to be, and if we remain stationary in our ideas we will become useless fossils. Religious forms, social conventions, political and domestic matters are always undergoing changes. Principles are enduring, but habits and manners are as variable as the fashions in dress; and the people who insist on one unvarying form of worship or one unalterable method of recreation and decay all others as wicked or indecent are making themselves ridiculous as those who keep to the cut of skirt or trouser worn by our grand parents.

There are always a surprising number of inhabitants in every village or town who set themselves against the march of progress. The railroad, the telegraph, the cable—all were met by a protest from the people. In spite of the fact that they were invariably overruled, the same protest arose and yet arises against the trolley, the cable car, and the bicycle. Had the fossil mind ruled the world we would still travel by the stage coach and the sailing vessel.

Individuality of thought would be smothered at birth, and the vehicle of reform would be wrecked in the rusts of prejudice, could these people dominate circumstances. But fortunately the world moves with resistless force. The march of progress is onward. Nothing and no one can stay it. Science and seership unite to broaden religion and free it from the narrow borders of orthodoxy. The human mind dares think for itself, dares discover new truths and make them known.

Invention lifts the burden of labor and broadens the avenues of pleasure. The man who will not adapt himself to all these changes must expect to be left like a stranded boat, high and dry on the shores of time, while the great ships come and go and the tides rise and fall.

He will be even of less use in the world than the shrunken boat, for he can not serve as driftwood nor as a picturesque wreck. About the most unattractive being on earth is the aging man or woman, battling with the resistless tide of change which is forever shaping new conditions, as the waters of the sea forever shape new shores.

## At the National Capital.

WASHINGTON, May 14, 1900.—Boss Hanna had the nerve to inform senators that the administration opposition to the Nicaragua Canal bill would be withdrawn and the bill allowed to pass the Senate at this session if the Senate would ratify the long-suffering Hay-Pauncefote treaty. His proposition was not seriously considered. The friends of the canal bill know that if it fails to pass the people will know that the responsibility for the failure will rest upon the shoulders of Mr. McKinley. As Senator Morgan put it, "We will pass the canal bill at this session or we will defeat McKinley at the polls." That is the situation in a nutshell. The people want this bill passed. That was made evident enough by the overwhelming majority by which it passed the House. Individual Senators numerous enough to make a great proportionate majority in the Senate are on record in favor of the bill. If, in the face of these things, Mr. McKinley is willing to allow his obligations to the British government to cause him to use his influence to prevent action on the bill at this session of Congress he can do so, but he will have to face the music of a disappointed and enraged people and the penalty of losing many thousand votes. The Democratic party can stand it if he can.

How confident the Democrats are of electing a majority of the next House, may be judged from the fact that the friends of several Democratic candidates for speaker are beginning to work for them. Among those who already have more or less backing are Representatives Richardson, of Tennessee; De Armond, of Missouri; Bankhead, of Alabama; and Sulzer, of New York.

Governor Roosevelt is, in his own estimation, the biggest thing in Washington and the most showy flower in the Republican bouquet. He has been strutting around the Capitol and the White House as though he owned the whole shooting match, and patronizingly giving advice to Mr. McKinley, Boss Hanna, and others who thought

they knew a little something about the party machine. For some reason the Republican leaders are all adding to the size of Governor Roosevelt's head by the deferential manner in which they are treating him. Mr. McKinley gave a dinner in his honor, and he was invited to a dinner given to the Republican leaders in Congress by Boss Hanna, at which the platform to be adopted by the Philadelphia convention was read by Hanna and Roosevelt's advice asked as to its planks. If you ask what all this means, you ask the question which has been asked thousands of times in Washington this week, and not yet satisfactorily answered. One very reasonable answer is that the Republican managers have become alarmed about New York and are seeking to add to the prestige of Roosevelt in order to help him towards re-election, which they regard as helping McKinley in the State. Whatever their object, they are making Roosevelt believe that he is the whole thing, which, by the way, is not difficult to do.

It was recently stated in the Columbia Record that there was a rumor in political circles that Hon. Frank B. Gary would not make the race for governor. Mr. Gary writes that he will be a candidate, and in a letter dated Abbeville, May 9, says: "My attention has been called to a piece in a recent issue of The Record in which, amongst other things, you state that it is understood that I will withdraw from the race for governor, and that the platform upon which I proposed to run is the same as that of Governor McSweeney. There is no authority for either statement. I have never had since my determination to enter the race, nor have I now, any other intention than to make the race to the finish. In due season I will announce the principles which I propose to advocate. Please do me the justice to publish this."

One can not get away from that sin of sins, the bank trust—the Standard Oil Bank. Here is a crime in connection therewith which the dullest will resentfully understand, and before which the most inveterate Republican must bow conviction. There was a law passed—heaven knows how!—to permit the Secretary of the treasury to sell the United States Customs House property in the city of New York. The sale was not to be for less than three millions. As the property was worth five millions no harm could come to the buyer from the limitation. Gage, July 2d last, sold the property to the Standard Oil Bank. The price settled on was \$3,265,000. The deed was made out. Stillman, of the bank, placed in Gage's hand the bank's checks for \$3,225,000; this was \$40,000 less than the sale figure. Then Gage immediately returned the check for deposit with the bank. Also Gage at once rented for the use of the government the customs house property thus sold and proceeded to pay the Standard Oil Bank a rental of \$130,000 a year therefor. Thus the game of villainy has stood for six months. The Standard Oil Bank buys five millions of property for \$3,265,000. It doesn't part with a dollar. It has already collected \$65,000 rent. To cheat the local tax gatherer, \$40,000 of the purchase price is withheld, the deed lies in the Treasury, and despite the ownership of the bank the record title to the property still stands in the name of the government. And thus the bank escapes all tax. What do you think of this swindle. Oh, casual American! comfortable in your tameness or robbery? Will you resent or accept this wrong? Will you have Bryan and honesty, or will you have the Bank Trust, Hanna, and his syndicated President for another four years.—New York Verdict.

We look with pride over what we might easily term, the New South, says a writer in the Textile Executor. Every village of importance has flourishing cotton mills, while others are busy soliciting stock for new mills. Almost every paper gives an account of some new stock company being organized to erect a cotton mill. January, 1901, will find us operating about 6,500,000 spindles. Nearly one-sixth of this number will be put in operation during the year 1900.

If the price of cotton remains at 9 and 10 cents per pound farmers will plant more of it, and in two or three years our average crop will be between twelve and fifteen million bales, instead of 11,000,000 as it is now. The South produces enough cotton at present to keep busy 75,000,000 to 80,000,000 spindles and 1,875,000 looms. When we look at the above figures we readily see that cotton manufacturing in the South is still in its infancy. Ask the farmers if they are satisfied with the present

cotton market, and manufacturers if they are satisfied with the present yarn market, and they will say, yes, but can we hold the markets where they are, or bring them higher if necessary? Yes; by building cotton mills enough to consume all the cotton we produce. Then, and then only, will we have as many cotton mills as we should have.

We should never cease building cotton mills while there is cotton being shipped to foreign countries, and we can not control the markets successfully until we manufacture more than half of the crop we produce. In a few years we can compare hundreds of places in the South with Fall River, Mass., or in fact with any of the many manufacturing districts of New England.

Hello! Add to your 'phone list the residence of J. T. Young, No. 46, and that of L. T. Anderson, No. 47.

## CANDIDATE ANNOUNCEMENTS.

### Clerk of Court.

We are authorized to announce W. BROWN WYLLIE as a candidate for re-election to the office of Clerk of the Court for York County, subject to the result of the Democratic primary election.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Clerk of Court of York County, subject to the action of the Democratic party in the primary election. W. H. STEWART.

Subject to the action of the Democratic primary election, I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the office of Clerk of the Court for York County. J. J. BUNTER.

I hereby announce my candidacy for the office of Clerk of Court of York County, subject to the action of the Democratic primary. J. A. TATE.

### Solicitor of the Sixth Circuit.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for Solicitor of the Sixth Judicial Circuit, subject to the result of the Democratic primary. THOS. F. McDOW.

### State Senate.

We are authorized to announce J. S. BRICE, Esq., as a candidate for State Senator, subject to the result of the Democratic primary.

### For Sheriff.

We are authorized to announce Capt. E. A. CRAWFORD as a candidate for Sheriff of York County, subject to the action of the Democratic primary.

### For County Supervisor.

We are authorized to announce JOHN F. GORDEN as a candidate for the office of County Supervisor of York County, subject to the action of the Democratic primary election.

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The Catawba House, Main st., Fort Mill, S. C., will furnish you an excellent meal for 25 cents; lodging can also be had for 25 cents. All guests are treated courteously and their wants catered to. Give us a trial and you will be pleased.

E. A. HARTSELL, Proprietor.



### A Well Groomed Man.

Nothing is so distinctive in a gentleman as his linen. Be it broadcloth or homespun in which a man is dressed, it is his linen—his collars, cuffs, and shirts which display his individuality to the observing—and who are so quietly observing as women?

Curtains, blankets, table linen, bed linen, &c. We also clean, press, and dye suits at moderate rates.

For ease of mind and comfort of body, be sure that your laundry goes to the Model Steam Laundry, Charlotte, N. C.

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Fort Mill, S. C.

## HAND BROS. RESTAURANT,

ROCK HILL, S. C.

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# "THE OLD RELIABLE STORE."

## We are now offering—

Three Cans Tomatoes, Full Weight, for 25 cents.

Three lbs. Nice Spiced Apples, for 25 cents.

Seed Irish Potatoes, \$1.00 a bushel.

And have just received a car each of Sacked Feed, Loose Hails, and Cotton Seed Meal, which is best known feed for milch cows.

We have also just received a full line of Ladies' Misses and Children's Spring Heel Shoes, which are beauties. Prices from \$1 to \$1.50 a pair.

## CLOTHING! CLOTHING! CLOTHING!

Though we have sold a great many Spring Suits, we have still a large line left and think we can fit almost anybody in price and quality. We have too many Boys' and Children's Suits and have cut prices on these suits, so come soon and get best selection.

T. B. BELK, PROPRIETOR  
"THE OLD RELIABLE STORE."

# SUMMER AND SUMMER GOODS,

Yes; they are bound to go together. We can say to the trade that we are showing the largest line of such goods that has ever been seen in Fort Mill.

### WHITE GOODS.

Organdies, 10, 12 1/2, 16 2/3, and 25 cts. Lawns, 3, 4, 7 1/2, 10, 12 1/2, 15, and 20 cents.

Piques, 10, 12 1/2, 16 2/3, and 25 cents. Mulls, beautiful quality, 16 2/3.

Ducks, 8 and 10 cents. Lace Striped Lawns, 10, 12 1/2, and 15 cents.

Dimities, 7 1/2, 10, 12 1/2, and 15 cts. Dotted Swiss, 50 cent quality at 25 cents.

One piece, yard wide, China Silk, worth \$1.25, for 93 cents.

### COLORED GOODS.

We can show you a full line of Lawns, Dimities, Organdies, Batties, Colored Taffetas, and Lace-striped Lawns, in black, and a great many other kinds.

### DRESS GOODS.

38 inch Silk Warped Henrietta, \$1. 44 " French Crepons, \$1 and \$1.35.

44 " Rep, worth \$1.25 for \$1.15. 44 " Polkadot Brillianteen, 60c.

44 " Cielan, 60c. 44 " Brillianteen, 50c. 44 " Lt. Grey Brillianteen, 50c.

### LADIES' VEST.

25 dozen Bleached Vest, 5c. 10 " " " 10c.

10 " " " 15c. 5 " " " 25c.

10 " Infants and Childrens Vest, 3c.

### LACES.

A full line of Valenciennes, all widths. All over Embroidery, \$1; all over Lace Embroidery, 50c; all over Puffing, 80c.

# MEACHAM & EPPS.

### HEADQUARTERS

## House-furnishing Goods,

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The Rock Hill Furniture Company wishes you to know that they have bought out the entire stocks of C. S. May and C. L. Wroton and have combined both, making the Largest, Finest, and Best-selected Stock of FURNITURE ever shown in Rock Hill, and that they are selling better goods for the money than you can get in Charlotte.

Our selection of suites is rich enough for the rich and cheap enough for the poorest.

We want your trade one and all and we are willing to pay for it, giving Better Values for your cash than you can get elsewhere, and offering to save you at least 10 per cent on Charlotte prices; and if we sell you a nice bill of goods we will refund your expenses in coming to see us. Yours for business on a fair-dealing basis.

## ROCK HILL FURNITURE CO.

C. L. WROTON, General Manager.

# AFTER NINETEEN YEARS.

Mr. Robt. A. P. Merritt is an honest and industrious old farmer living about 1 mile west of Fort Mill. Everybody knows him. He came into our store a few days ago as happy as a little child. He says, "Do you remember that sample box of salve you gave me some time ago? Well, I used it and came back and bought me a twenty-five cent package and it has cured me of a running sore I have had on my chin for nineteen years." Just think of it! Mr. Merritt says during all that time the sore had emitted matter with such a horrible odor that times he could not sleep and it had repeatedly been pronounced incurable. He asks us to publish this for he is proud of the cure and any of our customers who are afflicted with a sore or the piles may have a sample box of this salve free and for convincing proof of its remedial value you may see Mr. Merritt.

Yours Respectfully,

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Corn, per gallon, in jug (boxed), \$1.50, \$1.75 and \$2.

All first-class goods at \$1.75 and \$2. VERY OLD.

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Gins from \$1.60 to \$2, and \$2.50, Genuine Imported "Fish Gin" at \$3 per gallon.

Apple Brandy, \$2.25 per gallon. Peach Brandy \$2.50 per gallon.

No charge for jug and box on above, and no charge at these prices for keg when wanted in such quantities.

Let us have your orders and oblige.

W. H. HOOVER.